

# Leckie Tells Story Of Historic Church And Sunday School

Head of Classes at First Pres-  
byterian Has Been Worker  
There 25 Years.

## BIG INCREASE IN MEMBERS

When He Took Charge There  
Were 75 Pupils—1,080 At-  
tended Later On.

One day in December, in the early '90s, a young man who had been a school teacher in Pennsylvania came to Washington to attend the law department of Georgetown University. The next morning he went to Sunday school at the First Presbyterian Church. For seventeen years now he has been superintendent, and for nearly a quarter of a century he has been a worker in the school.



A. E. L. LECKIE.

**Eventful Period.**  
Mr. Leckie's superintendency has covered the most eventful period in the history of a church whose annals date back to 1726, when it was established in the carpenter shop of the President's residence. Later the congregation worshipped in the basement of the Supreme Court at the Capital. In June 25, 1825, its first building was dedicated at Delaware avenue and B street northwest, and because of its location, it became known as the "Little White Church Under the Hill."

**Cleveland Attended.**  
There too President Cleveland attended. Mr. Leckie will tell you, and to the Sunday school every Sunday. Mrs. Cleveland sent flowers from the White House conservatory. Mr. Grant, when vice president, went to the church, though when he became President he attended the Metropolitan M. E. church. Mr. Leckie said, "I was in the class of 'Elder White,' noted in our church history. He, too, was a superintendent of the school. He was later made District Commissioner. I succeeded him as superintendent of the Sunday school on an official basis from a teachers' viewpoint. He created gradually kindergarten, primary, junior, intermediate and adult departments."

**Canvass Taken.**  
Several times a systematic canvass of the neighborhood was taken to find prospective members, a nursery was established so mothers could leave their children while they attended Sunday school and church.

**Gives Annual Dinner.**  
Each year Mr. Leckie gives a "superintendent's dinner" in the Sunday school room of the church, and there the heads of departments and teachers gather and outline plans for the coming year.

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# NAVY SECRETARY TO TALK TO WARSHIPS

Marked Advance Predicted for  
Wireless Telephone by Cap-  
tain Bullard.

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The weather. The conversation was just as distinct as if we had been talking over local telephone. They can be combined, and solve the problem of communicating with any part of the universe. The northern, southern, eastern, and western limits to which the human voice, or the sound of it, can be transmitted is the most northerly, southerly, eastern, or western wireless tower or land telephone. We have the principles and agencies, all we need is the mechanical apparatus.

**Could Save Wire Expense.**  
The engineers evidently figured that they could save wire expense and other charges by having these booster stations supply the current to wireless stations, which would create the necessary waves on which to superimpose the vibrations made by the human voice on the diaphragm.

**Moved In 1828.**  
After its early history the church finally moved into its present home in 1828. On April 19, 1827, the cornerstone of the building was laid. In 1828 it received the first charter granted a church in the District by Congress, and it is one of the few churches in the city that holds such a charter.

**Diaphragm Vibrates.**  
"How are these vibrations transmitted?"  
"When a person talks into the telephone he causes the diaphragm, or metal disk, to vibrate against carbon granules. The causes corresponding vibrations on the electrically charged wire. The result is that the vibrations are communicated to the end of that wire at the top of the tower, where the vibrations are thrown out on the electric waves which are constantly being discharged. These vibrations caused by the human voice ride the waves as far as the strength of the electric current will carry the waves."

**Mrs. Ella Anderson Gets \$700 From Traction Co.**  
On the basis of a settlement for the suit of Mrs. Ella Anderson against the Capital Traction Company was entered and dismissed yesterday in the District Supreme Court.

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